

Bikers Around Europe

Everyone knows about famous riders of their country but do you know any of others? Ever heard of Marianne Vos, Marco Pantani, Antonio Gomez, Miguel Indurain or Gürkan Genç?



Marianne Vos was born in 13 of May 1987. She is a Dutch cyclo-cross, road bicycle racer and track racer who has drawn comparison to Eddy Merckx as being "the finest cyclist of her generation".

2008-2009: She won a gold medal in the Dutch National Road Race Championships.

Marco Pantani was an Italian cyclist. Professional from 1992 to 2003. He won a Tour in Italy and Tour De France and also a bronze medal at the World Championships. Nicknamed «The Pirate». On 14 February 2004, Marco Pantani was found dead in room D5 of residence "Le Rose" in Rimini. An autopsy revealed that the death was caused by pulmonary edema and brain, resulting in an overdose of cocaine.



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Jan Ullrich is a German professional road bicycle racer. He was born in Rostock on December, 2nd, 1973. He is the first German who won the Tour de France. He won also a gold medal at the Olympics 2000. He retired in 2007. Today, Jan Ullrich lives in Switzerland.

Gürkan Genç was born in 1979. He worked as a sales represent in different companies. During his last work experiences, he started using bike as a way of transportation, remembered his big dream of childhood. In April 2010, He set off by his bike from Samsun he used the route of Georgia, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, China, South Korea and finally reached Japan. However, this was not his dream. His dream was to travel all around the World with bike. He is planning to pedal to seven continents, 84 countries, 115.000 kilometers in seven years. He wants to take his place in Guinness Records Book.



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Antonio Gómez del Moral was born in **Cabras** on the 15th of November 1939. He was a Spanish biker between the year 1959 and 1972. 1962: 1st Stage at Tour Spain. 1st back to the future. 1965: Champion of Spain cycling route. 1st Catalunya Circuit of Getxo. 1967: 1 Stage in Spain turn Italy. Champion of mountain.

Miguel Induráin Larraya was born on July 16, 1964 in the Navarrese town of **Villava**, near **Pamplona** (Spain). He started in the world of cycling from an early age, winning the first **Championship of Spain in 1983**, when he was still a teenager. He participated in the **Olympic Games of Los Angeles** (United States) in 1984, and was that same year when he took **professional**.

His record was completed in 1996, in a year in which the non-achievement of a new Tour did presage some its decline as a cyclist. He participated in the **Atlanta 96 Olympic Games**, where he won the **gold medal** in the time trial test. On 2 January 1997, Miguel Induráin announced his intention to retire from active professional cycling. He was awarded the **Prize Prince of Asturias of sports**.

